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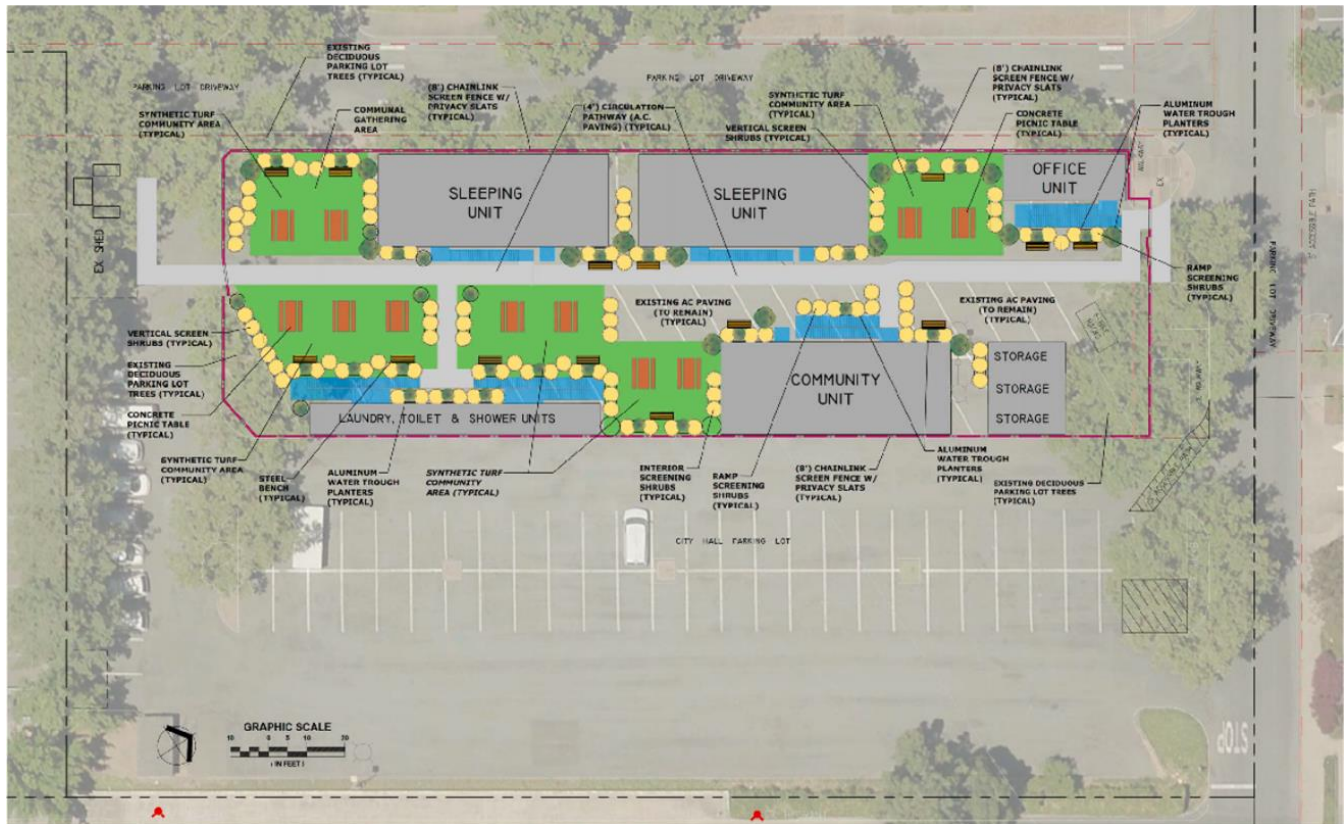
9/10 Special City Council Meeting Approved City Hall Rear Parking Lot as Fremont's Temporary Housing

The Fremont City Council held a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, to consider the development of Fremont's temporary Housing Navigation Center at either a site in the Decoto neighborhood or in the rear parking lot of Fremont's City Hall. At the July 9, 2019 City Council Work Session, the City Council directed staff to further analyze these two sites and to conduct community outreach. Tuesday's Special City Council meeting was well attended and approximately 200 community members spoke during the public meeting, providing input to City Council on the development of a navigation center and the two proposed finalist sites. After receiving the report from City staff and public comment, the Council unanimously approved the rear parking lot of the Fremont City Hall for the location of the temporary Housing Navigation Center.

Councilmembers selected the City Hall site based on its proximity to services, food access, and transportation. A large portion of the parking lot to the rear of City Hall will be temporarily repurposed and developed to accommodate the Housing Navigation Center. The Center will accommodate 45 unsheltered community members. Adult participants of the Housing Navigation Center can stay up to 6 months while they are supported and focused on finding stable, permanent housing. In addition to approving City Hall as the development site, City Council appropriated \$1.1 million for the Housing Navigation Center's development and operation, and authorized the City Manager to execute a multi-year services and lease agreement with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) as the Housing Navigation Center's operator.

BACS, who also operates the Berkeley navigation center (STAIR Center), and two navigation centers in Oakland will provide 24/7 staffing and supportive services to the residents of the program. Since 2014, BACS has served a total of 1,317 people and housed 1,090 through their navigation centers in Berkeley and Oakland using the Housing Fast Support Network (HFSN) model. The creation of Fremont's temporary Housing Navigation Center is in response to the growing homelessness crisis in Fremont and is part of a multi-pronged strategy to proactively address the current shelter emergency. Recent data from the 2019 Point-in-Time Count indicated Fremont's homeless population grew by 27% over the past two years, rising from 479 homeless individuals to 608.

City staff plan to finalize and then submit the site plan drawings to our Building Department and outside utility agencies for review. In parallel, staff will be working with BACS on a services and lease agreement. Construction will take approximately 8-10 months, and projected occupancy of the Housing Navigation Center is anticipated for mid-2020. Community outreach will continue throughout the development of the Center including opportunities for the public to donate, volunteer, and contribute to the success of Fremont's first Housing Navigation Center. For more information about Fremont's temporary Housing Navigation Center and to subscribe to project updates and volunteer opportunities visit www.Fremont.gov/NavigationCenter.



Groundbreaking Celebration for New Affordable Housing in Fremont

On Friday, September 6, 2019, the City of Fremont celebrated another milestone for affordable housing, the groundbreaking of Warm Springs Village Apartments and “final pour” for the foundation! Built in partnership with Eden Housing and located directly across from the Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station, this development will provide 132 affordable rental apartment homes for families in Fremont.

The complex, located at 45108 Tom Blalock Street, will consist of two buildings and include 6,000 square feet of commercial space, a community room with a kitchen, a community courtyard, computer labs, bike storage, laundry facilities, and offices for management and resident services. Green features will include solar systems, drought resistant landscaping, and electric vehicle charging stations. A pedestrian-friendly park is also planned between the two buildings.

The units at Warm Springs Village Apartments will be for households earning between 30% and 60% of the Alameda County area median income. To view the latest figures, visit www.Fremont.gov/AreaMedianIncome. To receive information when the units become available, sign up for the City's Affordable Housing Interest List at www.Fremont.gov/AffordableHousingInterest.

Warm Springs Village Apartments is estimated to be complete in winter 2020 and part of Metro Crossing, a new master planned development in the Warm Springs Innovation District that will include 1,001 total residences and nearly two acres of parkland.



Fremont Seeking Community Input for Climate Action Plan Update

Since the adoption of the City of Fremont's first Climate Action Plan in 2012, the City has implemented a number of municipal and public-facing projects, programs, and policies that have resulted in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and earned Fremont regional recognition as a sustainability leader. Fremont is now working to update its Climate Action Plan (CAP) to align with the new 2045 carbon neutrality goal recently established by the Fremont City Council in February 2019.



As part of the CAP update process, the City is seeking the community's help in identifying actions that will make Fremont a cleaner and healthier place for everyone. Strategies for achieving these goals can include transitioning to renewable and fossil-free energy in buildings and vehicles, enhancing sustainable transit and travel options, reducing waste and pollution, incorporating green building design, restoring natural habitats, drawing down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through plants and trees, and increasing our resilience to climate change.

To gain feedback, the City is inviting the community to complete the Climate Action Plan Update Survey. By taking the survey, the community can play an active role in designing a healthy and sustainable future for Fremont!

Read more information and take the survey at [Open City Hall](#).

Watch Movies Under the Stars

Join the City's Recreation Services Division on Friday, September 20, for the final Summer Movie Under the Stars. Captain Marvel will be shown after sunset in front of Town Fair Plaza in Downtown Fremont on Capitol Avenue and State Street. The movie is PG-13 and is free to attend. Grab some blankets, low beach chairs, and a picnic dinner and enjoy a great flick with family and friends! For more details, visit www.Fremont.gov/MovieNight.

